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Title: OPTICAL MICROSCOPE APPARATUS USING COVERGENT BEAM AS
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Sir:

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-f1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP §609 along with an early action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

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